



# New End News



**Newsletter 15**  
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### Events over the Next Two Weeks

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

New End Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Last Day of Autumn Term – school closes at 12.30pm**

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### Christmas Concerts

What an absolute joy it was to host four fantastic Christmas concerts this week! It was wonderful to be able to welcome a full audience for these concerts and I am sure they put everyone into a festive mood.

Congratulations to all the children for the hard work and energy they put into their performances. Thanks to all the staff in classes throughout the school who were involved in supporting the children as they prepared, rehearsed and performed. Particular thanks to Andrene de Silva for her support and performances of the musical arrangements – a true New End star! Thank you to everyone for being so understanding about the space limitations.

I feel very fortunate to be the headteacher of such a wonderful school. I'm already looking forward to the 2024 performances. (Any photos gratefully received! Send to [head@newend.camden.sch.uk](mailto:head@newend.camden.sch.uk)) Parents are reminded that if you took photographs or film during the performances, **these are NOT to be uploaded to any form of social media.**

***PS We are currently putting together the videos of each performance and will send out the links as soon as possible. A HUGE thank you to John and Hussein's dad for filming three of the concerts and for helping to edit the fourth!***

We know that we have some amazing parents in a wealth of careers at New End, so...

Could you give up 30 minutes of your time to share your career journey?

From app designers to zoologists; from apprentices to CEOs...  
we want to hear from you!

### Year 6 Career Talks

We are trying to reintroduce career talks for the Year 6 children in the Spring and Summer Terms.

When talking career-related learning at the primary level, it is more about opening up the world of opportunities that are out there, rather than asking children to refine what it is they want to do in the future. It's about showing children the opportunities are endless, exposing them to a wide range of experiences, and encouraging them to understand that they can be anything they want, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or where they live. It's also about dismantling the gendered and racialised stereotypes about careers that children as young as six can begin to develop.

Career-related learning has been proven to motivate and fire the imagination of primary children, especially when it comes to their learning, as they are beginning to learn more about their own abilities and talents and see the links between their learning and their future.

Whatever your profession or job, we would like to invite you to share some information with our Year 6 children about what you do and how you got there. We hope that these sessions will offer the children a glimpse of the wide-ranging variety of career opportunities open to them and help them begin to understand the process of considering prospective careers.

We hope that you will consider participating in order to impart your knowledge and make this a truly worthwhile experience for the children.

Please email [head@newend.camden.sch.uk](mailto:head@newend.camden.sch.uk) and we will arrange a mutually convenient time for the spring or summer term.

# Is my child too ill for school?



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Other illnesses - Follow this advice for other illnesses:

**Coughs and colds** - It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

**High temperature** - If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

**Chickenpox** - If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

**Conjunctivitis** - You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#). Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

**COVID-19** - If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

What to do if your child has tested positive - Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

**Ear infection** - If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

**Hand, foot and mouth disease** - If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

**Head lice and nits** - There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

**Impetigo** - If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

**Ringworm** - If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

**Scarlet fever** - If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

**Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)** - You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

**Sore throat** - You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

**Threadworms** - You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#). Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

**Vomiting and diarrhoea** - Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

### Attendance and Punctuality

Here is last week's attendance and punctuality for individual classes.

	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	No of Lates (no of chn)
RA	96.67%	1.11%	1 (1)
RS	87.50%	3.75%	3 (1)
1K	96.00%	0 ☺	8 (5)
2Q	96.54%	0 ☺	0 ☺
2S	97.50%	0.83%	2 (2)
3J	89.57%	0 ☺	0 ☺
3P	96.80%	0 ☺	1 (1)
4M	95.22%	2.17%	4 (2)
4W	90.00%	0 ☺	6 (3)
5M	96.15%	0.77%	5 (5)
5P	92.50%	0 ☺	1 (1)
6R	95.83%	0 ☺	3 (2)
6SG	94.17%	2.08%	4 (3)

**Well done 1K, 2Q, 3J, 3P, 4W, 5P and 6R – the classes with no unauthorised absence last week!**

**Well done 2Q and 3J - everyone in school on time last week!**

Attendance across the school last week is 94.53%, with an unauthorised absence level 0.72%. Remember that good attendance is seen as 96% or better. Attendance to date this academic year is 95.67% with an unauthorised absence level of 0.46%. **Let's try to keep this up as we have really made a positive start!!**

#### REMEMBER....

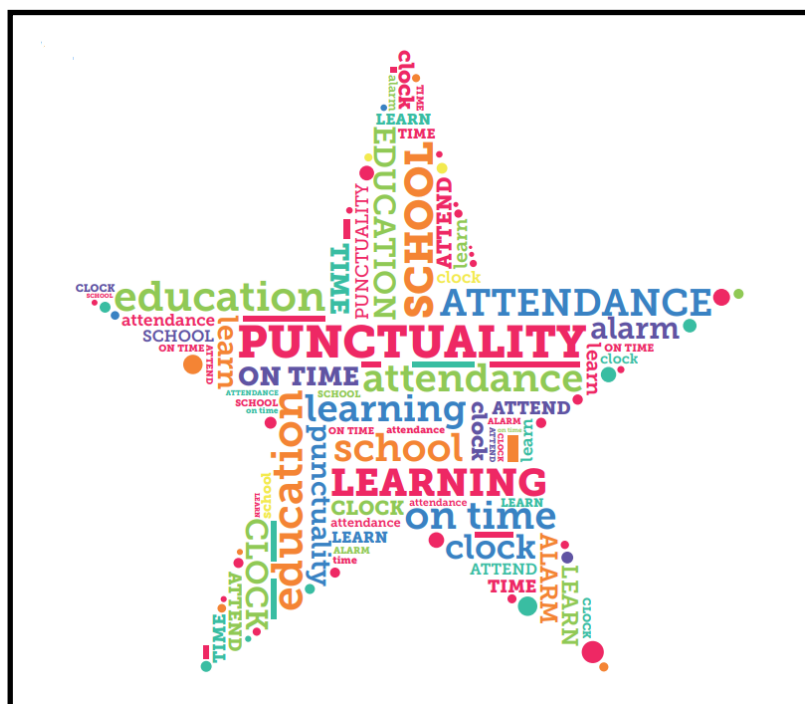
Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

#### REMEMBER....

**School gates open at 8.50am.**

**School starts at 8.55am.**

There have been **38 lates** last week (5 less than the previous week) involving **26 children** (1 less than last week) throughout the school.





### Christmas Jumper Day – NEXT WEEK!

Children are encouraged to get involved with Save the Children UK's Christmas Jumper Day again this year.

We are asking that children wear Christmas jumpers or festive wear on **TUESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> December** to coincide with Christmas Lunch.

The suggested donation is £2 but please give what you can to this important charity.

### Spring Term Clubs

**Currently there are spaces in the following clubs:**

<b>Monday</b>	Board Games (YR,1,2) – 9 spaces available
<b>Tuesday</b>	Board Games (YR,1,2) – 5 spaces available
<b>Wednesday</b>	Art (Y3,4) – 7 spaces available - please note that this needs at least 3 more children to sign up otherwise the club will be cancelled
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jewellery (Y2,3,4,5) – 1 space available
<b>Thursday</b>	Playdoh (YR,1,2) – 7 spaces available – please note that this needs at least 3 more children to sign up otherwise the club will be cancelled
<b>Thursday</b>	Girls' Football (Y1, 2, 3) – 4 spaces available
<b>Thursday</b>	Boys' Football (Y1, 2, 3) – 1 space available

**If you would like one of these places, please sign up and pay via your ScoPay account.**

### School Meals Spring Term

Don't forget that if your child is **changing** to school meals from packed lunch or moving from packed lunch to school meals from January 2024, **you need to inform the school office in writing** (email or note) by 9am on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. **As our meals are ordered by the notes on our system (school meal or no school meal), if you do not let us know of any change, you will be responsible for the cost of the meals ordered by the programme.**

**Remember school meals are currently free for children in Reception to Year Six.**

### Applications for Reception and Nursery September 2024 – A Reminder

Applications for BOTH Reception and Nursery places from September 2024 close by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

For reception places you need to **apply online** before **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024** if your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Apply online now. Visit Camden's primary admissions web page - [Primary admissions - Camden Council](#) If you have any questions, email **admissions@camden.gov.uk**

Applications for New End Nursery for September 2024 must be made directly to the school by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. **Forms are available directly from the school and should be returned to the school office.**

**And Finally**

Looking forward to Christmas lunch on Tuesday with all the children in their festive Christmas jumpers!

Continue to take care of yourselves and look out for each other.

Karyn Ray Headteacher

**2023-2024 Dates for your Diary**

Tues, 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	New End Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day
<b>Thur, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Last Day of Autumn Term – school closes at 12.30pm</b>
Mon, 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day – school closed to children
<b>Tues, 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Fri, 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Star Assemblies
Wed, 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4M Class Assembly – 3pm
Wed, 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	4W Class Assembly – 3pm
Mon, 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri, 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
Fri, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Star Assemblies
Wed, 13 <sup>th</sup> March	2Q Class Assembly – 3pm
Wed, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	3J Class Assembly – 3pm
<b>Thur, 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last Day of Spring Term – school closes at 12.30pm</b>
Mon, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tues, 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Fri, 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Star Assemblies
Wed, 24 <sup>th</sup> April	2S Class Assembly – 3pm
Wed, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Reception Class Assembly – 3pm
W/B 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Wed, 15 <sup>th</sup> May	1K Class Assembly – 3pm
W/B 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 School Journey
Wed, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Nursery Class Assembly
Mon, 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri, 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Mon, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET DAY
W/B 3 <sup>rd</sup> June and W/B 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Fri, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Star Assemblies
W / B 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year One Phonic Screening
<b>Wed, 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day of the 2023-20234 Academic Year– school closes at 12.30pm</b>

**2024-2025 Dates for your Diary**

Mon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tues, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Children return to school
Mon, 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri, 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half Term
Fri, 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon, 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tues, 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
Mon, 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri, 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Fri, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Spring Term
Tues, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wed, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children return to school
Mon, 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri, 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Fri, 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of the 2024-2025 Academic Year
Mon, 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day
Tues, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day

**IF A DATE CHANGES OR IS ADDED, IT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS SECTION.**

**DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - OFTEN BY OUTSIDE FORCES!**